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SUBJ: VISIT TO HUNGARY BY WILLIAM F. GOROG

1. SUMMARY: DEPUTY PRESIDENTIAL ASSISTANT FOR ECONOMIC AFFAIRS WILLIAM F. GOROG, ACCOMPANIED BY MRS. GOROG AND DAVID EVANS (CIEP), CONCLUDED HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL THREE AND ONE-HALF DAYS IN HUNGARY SEPT 26. GOROG MET MANY SENIOR HUNGARIANS DIRECTLY CONCERNED WITH U.S.-HUNGARIAN ECONOMIC AND TRADE RELATIONS, AND BOTH SIDES PLAINLY VIEWED VISIT AS OPPORTUNITY TO MAINTAIN MOMENTUM OF PAST YEAR. MAGYARS, AS USUAL, WERE SUPERB HOSTS, ROLLING OUT THE RED CARPET IN GRAND STYLE. END SUMMARY.

2. IN MEETINGS WITH GOROG, CHAIRMAN OF THE PRICE AND MATERIALS SUPPLY

BOARD, BELA CSIKOS-NAGY, GAVE A LUCID PRESENTATION OF HUNGARY'S TAX AND PRICE STRUCTURE. ENERGY PRICES WERE HIGHLIGHTED. DIRECTOR OF THE SECRETARIAT OF INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC RELATIONS (AND OFFICIAL HOST) JANOS SZITA, DISCUSSED (AMONG OTHER TOPICS) THE ROLE OF THE VARIOUS ECONOMIC DECISION-MAKING BODIES IN HUNGARY AND HOW CONFLICTING VIEWS ARE COORDINATED AND RESOLVED. HUNGARIANS WERE

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ESPECIALLY INTERESTED IN HEARING GOROG'S EXPLANATION

OF SIMILAR PROBLEMS IN U.S. DEPUTY FOREIGN TRADE  
MINISTER TOROK OUTLINED JOINT VENTURE POSSIBILITIES  
AND THE GENERAL OUTLOOK FOR U.S./HUNGARIAN TRADE.

3. GOROG AND EVANS, ACCOMPANIED BY CHARGE, ALSO  
CALLED ON DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER SZEKER, WHO RECALLED  
HIS RECENT VISIT TO U.S., CONFIRMED HE HAD BEEFED UP  
HUNGARIAN DELEGATION VISITING U.S. IN CONNECTION WITH  
JOINT ECONOMIC COUNCIL MEETING, AND SAID THAT IT WAS  
HE (SZEKER) WHO HAD URGED ROMANY TO VISIT THE UNITED  
STATES AT THIS TIME. SZEKER NOTED WITH SATISFACTION  
THAT THE TWO COUNTRIES WERE NOW PREPARED TO SIGN A  
CULTURAL AND SCIENTIFIC AGREEMENT, AND OPINED THAT THE  
FORTHCOMING VISIT TO BUDAPEST BY SECRETARY OF COMMERCE  
RICHARDSON (NOV 23) WOULD PROVIDE AN IDEAL OPPORTUNITY  
FOR FORMAL SIGNING. THE CHARGE NOTED THAT BOTH SIDES  
ACTUALLY HOPED TO INITIAL THE AGREEMENT WITHIN A FEW  
WEEKS AND ORDER TO ENABLE THEM TO BEGIN PREPARATION  
NOW ON THE DETAILED WORK PROGRAM.

4. GOROG ALSO MET WITH DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER JANOS  
NAGY, GENERAL DIRECTOR IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE  
LASZLO AKAR, AND HUNGARIAN NATIONAL BANK DEPUTY  
CHAIRMAN JANOS FEKETE. IN ADDITION TO ATTENDING SOCIAL  
FUNCTIONS HOSTED BY SZEKER AND CHARGE MUDD, MR. AND MRS.  
GOROG AND MR. EVANS VISITED BABOLNA STATE FARM SEPT 25  
AND THE DANUBE BEND AREA.

5. EMBASSY COMMENT: THIS VISIT BY A HIGH-RANKING  
WHITE HOUSE OFFICIAL PROVIDED AN EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY  
TO FOLLOW UP ON SZEKER'S FRUITFUL TRIP TO THE U.S.  
THE MAGYARS WERE MOST INTERESTED IN CURRENT U.S. VIEWS  
ON VARIOUS ECONOMIC MATTERS, AND OBVIOUSLY ENJOYED  
EXCHANGING EXPERIENCES WITH GOROG. PARTY DAILY  
NEPSZABADSAG CARRIED SHORT ARTICLE SEPT 27 REPORTING  
GOROG VISIT AS GUEST OF SZITA AND NOTING MEETINGS WITH  
SZEKER AND CSIKOS-NAGY.  
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